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OPNAV NOTICE 5430

From: Chief of Naval Operations  
To: All Divisions of OPNAV

Subj: CHANGE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF  
NAVAL OPERATIONS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5430.48D

1. Purpose. To announce the establishment of the Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations for Information Operations, N00X.

2. Background. The terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 and the ongoing response to them have highlighted the need to focus on innovative ways to bring the United States' global maritime dominance and technology to bear against transnational, traditional, and future threats. Special emphasis is needed on combating terrorists and exploiting the brief windows of opportunity to act against them. There is also a critical need to accelerate the development of a coherent, top down "way ahead" that better defines Navy's desired role in Information Operations (IO).

3. Organizational Change. Effective immediately, and for an initial period ending not later than 31 December 2002, the Special Assistant for Information Operations, N00X, is established to oversee and assist in the effort to apply Information Operations as a part of the Navy's response to the events of 11 September 2001, and to translate the requirements developed and lessons learned into recommendations for policy, organizational, developmental and acquisition initiatives. N00X reports to the Chief of Naval Operations and will perform the following functions:

a. Identify ways to improve current and future readiness to conduct information operations against terrorist and other targets.

b. Work with Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command pre-commissioning staff to identify lead IO objectives and requirements for command action.

c. Ensure special access capabilities are fully considered in naval and joint planning.

d. Identify intelligence needs.

e. Review all IO and IO-related program, budget and policy actions with special emphasis on interoperability, integration and threat relevance.

f. Identify training requirements.

g. Provide alignment recommendations to harmonize Navy consideration of IO issues.

4. Location. N00X will be collocated with N3/N5 and the Navy Command Center to ensure real time linkage to ongoing operations and operational intelligence.

5. Action

a. N00X will:

(1) Coordinate with N2 and N3/N5 to make recommendations regarding the continuing requirement for this position or alternative structures and make recommendations no later than 1 June 2001; and

(2) Develop an appropriate mission and function statement in the format of reference (a) and submit it to Director, Navy Staff.

b. N3/N5 will provide necessary information technology and administrative support to N00X.

c. N2 will provide necessary intelligence support to N00X.

6. Cancellation Contingency. On 31 December 2002 or when contents are incorporated in the OPNAV Organization Manual.

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Director, Navy Staff

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